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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH SENATOR STEVENS
ON ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE

1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED FROM SENATOR TED
STEVENS: "MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN CALLED TO A CABLE FROM
YOU TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DATED SEPTEMBER 1976 ABOUT
A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND B.J. CLARKE AND CY ORLOFSKY,
MEMBERS OF THE ARCTIC GAS CONSORTIUM. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL
IF YOU COULD GIVE ME A SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL MENTIONED
IN THE CABLE WHEREBY ARCTIC GAS OFFERED TO, QUOTE, MAKE
A SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE CLAIMS ALONG PIPELINE ROUTE, END
QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER. TED
STEVENS UNITED STATES SENATOR."

2. ON APRIL 13, AMBASSADOR RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO SENATOR
STEVENS BY TELEGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR SENATOR STEVENS:

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"I AM REPLYING TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF APRIL 5 IN WHICH YOU
ASKED FOR SUMMARY OF AN ALLEGED ARCTIC GAS CONSORTIUM
OFFER IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE CLAIMS ALONG
THE PROPOSED PIPELINE ROUTE.

"AS THE ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE COMPANY SAID IN A NEWS RELEASE

DATED APRIL 6, THE COMPANY HAS NEVER MADE AN OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SETTLEMENT OF NATIVE CLAIMS NOR HAS IT ANY AUTHORITY TO DO SO. IN A CABLE SENT BY EMBASSY OTTAWA DATED SEPTEMBER 30 SUMMARIZING A CONVERSATION I HAD WITH MESSRS ORLOFSKY AND CLARKE OF THE COLUMBIA GAS SYSTEM REFERENCE WAS MADE TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS. THIS WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF RECOGNIZING THAT THE DISPOSITION OF THE CLAIMS ISSUE COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON ARCTIC GAS'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD A PIPELINE DOWN THE MACKENZIE VALLEY, AND THEREFORE THAT IT WAS IN ARCTIC GAS'S INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE A CLAIMS SETTLEMENT.

"IN ORDER TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION I THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR ME TO STATE MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CLAIMS SETTLEMENT. IT IS THAT ONLY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEGOTIATING AND SETTLING NATIVE CLAIMS ALONG EITHER THE MACKENZIE OR THE ALCAN PIPELINE ROUTE. ONLY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CAN DETERMINE WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, PRIVATE COMPANIES MAY PLAY; UP TO THE PRESENT NO SUCH ROLE HAS BEEN DEFINED. SINCERELY, TOM ENDERS, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CANADA."

3. AMBASSADOR HAS PASSED TO EXTAFF MINISTER JAMIESON TEXT OF HIS REPLY TO STEVENS, FOR JAMIESON'S USE IN PARLIAMENT OR WITH PRESS. COPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO MINISTERS GILLESPIE AND ALLMAND. ENDERS

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